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Despite inclement weather, there was a good turnout of theatregoers last night to witness the funny farcical comedy, "A Night Out." Heavy laughter and applause testified to the ability of the company to amuse, and everything went with fine vim from start to finish. Mr. Thomas Sydney, in his impersonation of "Joseph Pinglet," created much fun by the admirable way in which he got out of difficult and compromising situations, while Miss Florence Hamer took the part of Paillard's wife and was, as usual, a decided success. Pinglet's wife was capably interpreted by Miss Lucy Beaumont and Mr. Charles Vane as "Paillard" was all that could be desired. The other artists in the cast are also deserving of the full measure of praise which they received. On the whole it was a humorous and mirth provoking evening and the audience were well rewarded for venturing out on a particularly miserable night.

Tonight the Company will play the dramatized version of Kipling's well known novel, "The Light that Failed."

THE OPIUM COMMISSION.

The fourteenth and final Session of the International Opium Commission took place on Feb. 26 at the Palace Hotel, Shanghai.

The Resolutions which had been already adopted were presented in their revised form by the Committee appointed for the purpose, and were finally passed by the Commission. They will be referred by the various Delegations to their respective Governments, who will decide on their publication as they may see fit.

The full minutes of the proceedings, together with the Reports on the Opium Question, handed in by the various Delegations, will appear later in printed form, and will form a valuable record of the work of the International Opium Commission.

After the Committee on Trade Statistics had handed in their Report, the Right Hon. Sir Cecil Clement Smith moved that a cordial vote of thanks be offered to the Right Reverend Bishop Brent for the dignity, impartiality, and ability with which he had discharged the duties of President of the International Opium Commission. In replying, the President congratulated the House not only that in the findings reached all the Resolutions were adopted *non est*, but that they had not wholly failed in carrying the problem a stage nearer its final solution.

H. E. Tamenjico Miyake having given expression to the feelings of high appreciation in which the Commission held the services rendered by the Secretaries, the proceedings terminated.

A decision was arrived at by the Commission not to publish the Resolutions adopted until the consent of the respective Governments had been obtained. From the course of the deliberations, however, and the brief statement published above, it is to be inferred that the members of the Commission, including the American delegation, its convenors, are satisfied with the results of their labours. The Chinese also may well be content to have obtained the recognition of the Commission for the progress, real but unequal, that they have made in the work of suppression. What the Commission may be expected to have accomplished is that it has secured international acknowledgement of the extent of opium smoking, while leaving it to the respective Governments to take such steps for its suppression as varying conditions render expedient. In other words, when Governments realize to what extent opium smoking has already spread in other countries than China, they will feel compelled to inquire further into the existing systems of regulation in the light of such experience as the Commission has collated. To those countries which intend to prohibit the importation of opium it is probable that assistance will now be forthcoming from the producing countries in the way of greater scrutiny of opium export at ports of departure. Finally, there would seem to have been no doubt in the minds of delegates regarding the grave danger arising from the use of Morphine and we may expect a recommendation for the control of its manufacture and sale. — N. O. Daily News.

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The Band of The Buffs will play.
Hongkong, March 3, 1908.

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NOTICE.

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GENERAL MEETING of the members
of the Hongkong Club will be held in
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BY EDGAR ALLEN.

I have seen the street at all times and
seasons, but to me it remains the street of
the winter afternoon. For then the dull
greyness of the air blends with the grey
stones of its low regular houses and smudgy
pavements, so that what in the searching
light of a summer sun is merely blank and
squalid gains from its fitting atmosphere a
character of its own that is subtly pleasing.

To-day, however, as I turn the corner,
my attention is diverted for the moment
from any contemplation of the scene by the
sudden collision with my legs of a diminutive
urchin who hastily disentangles himself
and continues a rapid flight to the opposite
parapet. In the road before me an
errand-boy, his features wearing a dark and
purposeful air, is stepping from his tricycle
with a somewhat exaggerated deliberation.
Having dismounted, he pauses, scanning
pursuit, and threateningly regards the
urchin who has halted by the opposite curb.

"Do it again," he suggests.

"You!" observes the urchin, watch-
ing him warily. "I ain't afraid of you."

"Do it again," repeats the errand-boy
with dignity. "Throw something else at
me. Go on."

For a moment or two his opponent
regards him with a calculating eye. A
little group of boys who have collected
seemingly from nowhere watch him ex-
pectantly. Suddenly he stoops and makes
a feint of picking up another missile; the
other witnesses and throws up an arm.
There is a brief uneventful pause, then the
emboldened urchin breaks out into a volley
of shrill jeers. The discomfited errand-boy
with an effort recovers his dignity.

"You take care what you're doin', that's
all," he observes, and turning, much to
the visible disappointment of the onlookers,
remounts his tricycle. Immediately the
other stoops again, and this time a real
missile flies through the air and strikes the
cyclist between the shoulder-blades. Stung
with pain, he leaps from his machine and
dashes in earnest down the street after his
aggressor.

Pursued and pursued round a
turning. Following the general stampede,
I arrive just in time to see the hand of the
avenger at work upon his cowering victim.
Simultaneously there is a commotion at
the back, and a wizened little man pushes
his way through the onlookers and runs
into the road. The next moment he has
seized the errand-boy by the ear, and lead-
ing him ceremoniously from his prey pro-
ceeds viciously to cuff the side of his head
with his disengaged hand. After a space
he tristes the boy from him and glowers
upon him darkly.

"Ere!" cries the outraged boy, holding
a hand to the side of his face. "'Oo are
you 'ittin'?"

The wizened man makes no comment
upon the superfluity of this inquiry.

"P'raps you want some more?" he
suggests ominously. "You leave the child
alone."

"What's it got to do with you?" demand
the boy with heat. "What do you want
to interfere for?"

"Leave the child alone," rejoins the
man sternly. "You're bigger than wot 'e
is, ain't yer?"

"Well, and you're bigger than I am," he
retorts the boy with the same heat and (as
it might seem) some show of justice. The
wizened man, however, is plainly superior
to such casuistry.

"Never you mind 'ow big I am," he
rejoins, still glowering upon him. "You
'it the child again, that's all."

By an inspiration he turns and, taking
two quick steps, grasps by the collar his
diminutive protégé and leads him towards
the errand-boy. The astonished urchin
sets up a loud wail of protest.

"All right, soxhy!" exclaims his pro-
tector. "I ain't goin' to 'urt yer. You
come 'ere."

Still holding his charge securely, he halts
facing the boy.

"There's the child," he says. "You 'it
'im again an' see what 'I'll do to yer."

The errand-boy, regarding him sulkily,
says nothing.

"Go on!" urges the man temptingly,
thrusting his uneasy charge within a few
inches of the boy. "Go on! 'It 'im!"

The traces of a strong inward temptation
appear upon the boy's features. The
urchin, suddenly panic-stricken, begins to
struggle violently.

"Keep quiet, can't yer?" snaps the man
irritably, and takes a firmer grasp of his
charge's collar.

"Go on!" he repeats. "'It 'im! Let's
see yer do it!"

The group of onlookers presses forward
in ghastly expectation. The errand-boy
hesitates.

"Wot'll you're gone an' 'it 'im,"
he says sulkily.

"You'll wot!" exclaims the man memo-
rably.

"'It 'im," repeats the boy.

"Ho!" exclaims the man. "You will
will yer!"

Suddenly he releases his protégé and
makes a grab at the errand-boy's ear.

"You—will—yer!" he cries, punctuating
his words by blows with his open hand
at the boy's head. "You—spiteful young
—rascal!"

Suddenly a huge figure looms behind
him, an enormous hand closes upon his
wrist and before one is fully aware what has
taken place he is reeling backwards through
space at an angle to the ground that looks
hardly possible. A gigantic man in con-
dure and knee-trunks stands scowling
indignantly over this wretched phenomenon.

"Leave the boy alone!" he growls
tracitantly.

By a cautious shove the staggering
figure recovers its equilibrium and coming

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Intimations.

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LD.
NOTICE.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY
MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS
will be held at the Company's House, on
SATURDAY, the 6th March, 1909, at 11
o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving
a Statement of Accounts of the Company
for the Year ending 31st December, 1908, with the
Report of the Directors, and to discuss any
matter that may be competently brought
before the Meeting.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from the 23rd
February to the 6th March, both days
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By Order of the Board,
C. MOONEY,
Secretary.
Hongkong, February 25, 1909.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO.,
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTIETH ORDINARY MEET-
ING of SHAREHOLDERS will be
held at the Office of the Undersecretary at
12.30 P.M., on TUESDAY, the 23rd March.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
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JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
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Hongkong, February 20, 1908.

INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS AND
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THE EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL GEN-
ERAL MEETING of the Members
will be held in the Rooms of the Institution,
No. 2, Des Voeux Road, at 8.45 P.M., on
TUESDAY, 14th March, to receive the
Report of the Committee of Management,
together with the Statement of Accounts for
the year ended 31st December, 1908.

T. W. ROBINSON, Esq., President, will
preside.

By Order of the Committee,
C. E. LIBEAUD,
Secretary.
Hongkong, March 1, 1909.

ORINA SUGAR REFINING CO., LTD.
NOTICE.

THE THIRTY-FIRST ORDINARY
ANNUAL MEETING of the Share-
holders of the above Company will be held
at the Office of the General Agents, King's
Building, on FRIDAY, the 19th March,
at 10.30 A.M., in connection with the
Report of the Committee of Management,
together with the Statement of Accounts for
the year ending 31st December, 1908.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from the 6th to 19th
March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, March 2, 1909.

LUZON SUGAR REFINING CO.,
LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH ORDIN-
ARY ANNUAL MEETING of the
Shareholders of the above Company will
be held at the Office of the General
Agents, King's Building, on FRIDAY,
the 19th March, at 12.30 P.M., for the
purpose of receiving the Report and State-
ment of Accounts for the year ending 31st
December, 1908.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from the 6th to 19th
March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
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Hongkong, March 2, 1909.

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Hongkong, August 7, 1907.

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Hongkong, February 10, 1908.

Intimations.

SANITARY BOARD OFFICE,
HONGKONG.

OWNERS OF DOMESTIC BUILDINGS.

TAKE NOTICE that under No. 5 of the
DOMESTIC CLEANLINESS and
VENTILATION BYE-LAWS (as amend-
ed), every Domestic Building or part of
such building within the WESTERN
Division of the City of Victoria,
occupied by Members of more than one
family, except those within the European Re-
servation or those parts of a domestic build-
ing used as a shop, office or godown, must
be OCLEANSED and LIMEWASHED
THROUGHOUT by the Owners during the
months of February and March.

N.B.—The word 'throughout' used in
this notice means that the houses should be
limewashed in respect of all the Walls of
each Room, all cubicle partitions, Stair
Cases and Stair Linings, all Ceilings and
the Undersides of Roofs in Main
Buildings, Offices and Servants' Quarters
and inclusive of Verandahs.

The Backyard must have its Containing
Walls Limewashed up to the level of the
First Floor.

Carved, Painted or Polished Woodwork
in good condition, however, need not be
Limewashed but must be Cleaned.

The Western Division of the City lies
to the West of Tank Lane and Cleverly
Street.

The Government Limewashing Con-
tractor is prepared to cleanse and limewash
floors at the rate of \$1.00 per floor on
application being made to the Secretary
of the Sanitary Board.

A. GIBSON,
Secretary.
Dated this 1st day of March, 1909.

HARBOUR MASTER'S DEPART-
MENT.

IT is hereby notified that information
has been received from the MILITARY
AUTHORITIES that GUN PRACTICE
will be carried out as under:—

On TUESDAY, the 2nd March:—
From Western F.C. Belchers and Stou-
cutters in a South-Westerly to
Westerly direction, at ranges up to
10,000 yards, commencing at 10.30
A.M., and finishing at 2 P.M.

On WEDNESDAY, the 3rd March:—
From Stonecutters in a Westerly
direction, at ranges up to 5,000
yards, commencing at 10 A.M., and
finishing at 1 P.M.

On THURSDAY, the 4th March:—
From Western F.C. in a South-Easterly
direction, at ranges up to 14,000
yards, commencing at 10.30 A.M.,
and finishing at 1 P.M.

If the weather is unfavourable on any
of the above dates, Practice will take place
on the following day.

All ships, junks and other vessels are to
keep clear of the ranges.

BASIL TAYLOR, Commander, R.N.,
Harbour Master, &c.
Hongkong, February 28, 1909.

THE OWL GRILL ROOM
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Hongkong, May 19, 1908.

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Apply to the SECRETARY of the Hong-
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Amusements.

9 p.m.—Performance at City Hall.

Miscellaneous.

Goods per *Selma* undelivered after this

date subject to rent.

General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, March 6:—

11 a.m.—Auction of Household Furni-
ture, at No. 6, Lochiel Terrace, Kow-
loon.

Boxing at City Hall.

Noon—Meeting of Hongkong Hotel Co.,
Ltd., at Co.'s Hotel.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Chinese Porcelain,
&c., at Mr Geo. P. Lammett's Sales
Rooms.

9 p.m.—Performance of 'The Silver
King,' at Kowloon Dock.

Transfer Books of China Sugar Refining
Co., Ltd., close from this date to 19th
March, inclusive.

Transfer Books of Luzon Sugar Refining
Co., Ltd., close from this date to 19th
March, inclusive.

MONDAY, March 8:—

11 a.m.—Auction of Swastika Drawn work,
&c., at Mr Geo. P. Lammett's Sales
Rooms.

9 p.m.—Herbert Withers Concert at
City Hall.

Goods per *Chigo Maru* undelivered at
noon on this date subject to rent.

Goods per *Nera* undelivered after this
date at noon will be subject to rent
and landing charges.

Goods per *Palma* not cleared at 4 p.m.
on this date subject to rent.

TUESDAY, March 9:—

12.30 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong Fire
Insurance Co., Ltd., at Messrs Jardine,
Matheson Co.'s Office.

Goods per *Alicia* undelivered at Noon
on this date subject to rent.

WEDNESDAY, March 10:—

12.30 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong and
Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., at
Messrs Jardine, Matheson Co.'s Office.

Goods per *Macedonia* not cleared at 4
p.m. on this date subject to rent.

THURSDAY, March 11:—

8.45 p.m.—Meeting of Institution of En-
gineers & Shipbuilders of Hongkong,
at Engineers Institute Rooms.

MONDAY, March 15:—

9 p.m.—Military Band Concert at City
Hall.

FEDAY, March 19:—

Noon—Meeting of China Sugar Refining
Co., Ltd., at Messrs Jardine, Matheson
Co.'s Office.

12.30 p.m.—Meeting of Luzon Sugar Re-
fining Co., Ltd., at Messrs Jardine,
Matheson Co.'s Office.

NOTICE.

Communications relating to news should be
addressed to THE EDITOR.

Letters relating to business should be address-
ed to THE MANAGER.

Correspondents must forward their names
and addresses with any communications ad-
dressed to the Editor, not for publication but
as evidence of good faith.

All letters for publication should be written
on one side of the paper only.

No anonymously signed communications that
have already appeared in other papers will be
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a.m. New Advertisements should be sent in
before 3 p.m.

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not ordered for a fixed period will be continued
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The China Mail.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 1909.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

To-day Theodore Roosevelt ceased to
be President of the United States and
reverted to his former position, that of a
private citizen in the great republic.
It would be impossible to imagine a
greater contrast than that which exists
between the retiring President and his
successor, and the world will be keenly
interested in watching the inevitable
outcome of this change in Executive.
For though Mr. TAYLOR is popularly sup-
posed to have taken over Mr. Roosevelt's
policies as ELDER received ELDER's
mantle, we imagine that a new order of
things was really inaugurated to-day.
The mental make-up of the two men is
so widely different; their temperamental
differences are even more pronounced.
Indeed, we can almost hear the sigh of

relief which went up throughout the
United States when the strenuous, boi-
sterous ROOSEVELT gave place to the suave
and placid TAYLOR. Yet, as the London
Outlook aptly remarks, nobody doubts
that the tone of business and political
life throughout the United States has
been immensely elevated by the power
of Mr. Roosevelt's influence and
personality. "Nobody doubts that
political prominence and commercial
success, thanks to Mr. ROOSEVELT, are
viewed to-day from an ethical stand-
point widely different from the tolerant
acquiescence of a decade ago. The
President has been a voice for right-
eousness of unescapable volume. The
sophisticated Eastern States may have
smiled at his emphatic insistence on the
eternal verities, and we will own to
having been somewhat bored by them
ourselves. But after all, to realise the
placidity of morality is to come pretty
near to realising the ideal. America had
forgotten them or thrust them out of
sight, until Mr. ROOSEVELT with in-
exhaustible iteration came to remind
her of their paramount importance; and
if there is to-day in the United States a
wholly new attitude adopted by the
people towards corruption in public
life and sharp dealing in private life,
Mr. ROOSEVELT and his homilies have
largely to be thanked for it."

Our contemporary also reminds us
that the outgoing President has done
more than stir the public conscience.
He has accustomed his countrymen to
take a broader view of politics, both at
home and abroad. On more than one
occasion he has played in international
affairs a part that the parochialism of
America would never have allowed his
predecessors to assume. If the United
States is to-day at work on the Panama
Canal, actively concerned in the Far
East, building a navy that will eventu-
ally be second only to that of Great
Britain, and altogether reconciled to the
responsibilities of Imperialism, the
credit is Mr. ROOSEVELT's before it is
any man's. Again, it must not be
forgotten that he is the first American
President to rouse his countrymen to a
sense of the prodigious and prodigal
waste of their natural resources by
reckless exploitation. He is the first
American President, too, who has
resolutely grappled with the problem of
the Trusts, and who has sought to
bring under public control or super-
vision whatever is excessive and against
the commonweal in the powers of organised
wealth. "It is his merit to have
fired the first decisive shot in this cam-
paign of the people against the plutoc-
racy. None of his predecessors, while
holding the balance between capital and
labour with unflinching evenness, has
shown a more enlightened sensitiv-
ness to the inequalities and injus-
tices of a social system that ex-
ploits child labour and makes next to
no legal provision for enforcing the
liability of employers or compensating
workmen for accidents. No President,
again, has done more to educate his
countrymen out of the complacent
notion that the American Constitution is
an all-perfect instrument of government,
that its amendment is both unnecessary
and impossible; nor has any President
insisted so courageously on the defects
in American civilisation and the Ameri-
can polity, such defects, for example, as
lynching, the maladministration of jus-
tice, and the immunity of individual
and corporate wrong-doers in the
twilight zone that separates Federal
from State authority. Mr. ROOSEVELT
may not have been able to carry out
many of the policies he has initiated,
but he has given an impulse to ways
of thinking about life and politics that
will ultimately bear abundant fruit in
a transformed and regenerated nation."

Though the last year of his Presidency
was clouded by a rather unseemly
intrusion into the election campaign of
his successor, and the closing months
of his term have been disfigured by
some very disagreeable squabbles with
both Houses of Congress, Theodore
Roosevelt can still look back with
considerable pride upon his Presidential
career. As the mists of controversy and
party passion dissipate into thin air and

finally pass away so will the magnitude
of his character come at length to be
revealed in its proper proportions and
Americans of all shades of opinion will
realise what a great President he really
has been. He has richly earned his
holiday and all the world, we feel sure,
will hope that his hunting trip in the
African wilds will prove a most de-
lightful experience in his very strenuous
life.

THE OPIUM COMMISSION.

Writing from Shanghai, a correspondent
remarks, *opposes* the International Opium
Commission:—
The Opium Commission has adjourned,
and while on the face of it not much has
been accomplished, yet the fact is some new
principles in International law have been
enunciated, and a step forward has been
taken in opium reform. There was great
delay in getting in the reports, the American
Commissioners alone having their data in
a complete shape. They suggested also a
number of resolutions which, though not
carried, showed the spirit with which
they had approached their task. It
was found to be impossible to get anything
very specific laid down in regard to
China, though it is understood some
vigorous contention took place along this
line. The fact is China cannot be helped
very much in this matter as long as she
enters into agreements with a single Power,
such as Great Britain's ten year agree-
ment. The British, supported by Persia,
France, Russia, Portugal, and the Nether-
lands blocked a resolution advising a
revision of the treaties on the particular
point of opium. All the other Powers
were united on the other side. That
nations like Germany, Japan, the United
States, Italy, and Austria stand together
for reform will not escape notice, and
English opinion locally is fearful that in
the discussion which will follow the Con-
ference the contrast in the rank of Powers
for and against opium reform will not be
overlooked. A Conference with full Powers
is anticipated before long. Some of the
Governments which care little or nothing
about the opium question realize that
if they are to have any influence in other
Conferences they must now assert them-
selves. To sum up, the efforts of the
British Colonies in the Orient to prevent
the traffic in opium have been successful, but I
imagine there will be a stir in England
when Press and Parliament are in posses-
sion of the full details.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Mr W. Ferd. Tyler, Coast Inspector,
notifies that the character of the Taimet
Beacon Light, Canton River, has been
changed from white to green.

The money spent by people who wish
to watch Mr. Tai's inaugural parade to-day
from windows in Washington at the
high rate of is said to reach \$3,000,000.

The lawless condition of Ireland is at-
tracting great public attention at present,
much indignation being expressed at the
weak and imprudent attitude of Mr. Birrell,
the Chief Secretary.

Chinese and Japanese merchants of
San Francisco, have resolved to unite in
mutual protection against all measures of
anti-oriental discrimination and to forget
past differences resulting from the boycott.

The other day we reprinted from the
Wah Tat Yat Po a telegram referring to
Russian high-handedness in Manchuria.
Shanghai papers say that Tatsihar and
Hailor are the towns involved, Chinese
who refuse to pay taxes being summarily
ejected from their shops.

Notice is given by Mr W. Ferd. Tyler,
Coast Inspector, that on the opening of the
Liao River the Light-vessel Newchwang
will take up a position with Tower Hill
bearing S. 18° E. distant 13.7 miles. In
this position the Light-vessel will be in
about 23 feet of water at low water of
spring tides, and will be in line with the
channel over the bar.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice
Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to
acknowledge with thanks the following
donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—
Abdulla and Co. \$11
Agarwani Co. 10
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L. T. Cooke 10
A. G. Gordon 10
K. H. Hinde 10
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S. Moutrie and Co. 10
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Kelly and Walsh Ltd. 10

Lady Constance Lytton was among
the Suffragettes arrested during their latest
raid upon the House of Commons. Lady
Constance Lytton has been sentenced to
one month's imprisonment for her part in
the disturbances. She is the second daughter
of the first Lord Lytton, the famous
novelist, and was born in 1867. She has not
been married. Her elder sister, Lady
Betty Balfour, who is the wife of Mr
Gerold Balfour, and sister-in-law of the
ex-Prime Minister, Mr. Arthur Balfour, is
one of the leaders of political society.

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this season of the year. As a attack of
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warning, and if a bottle of Chamberlain's
Colic, Cholera, and Diarrhoea Remedy is
not at hand at the first onset of the ailment,
it may be fatal. For sale by all the
druggists and chemists.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The death is announced of the race-
horse owner, Mr Douglas Baird.

The last Devons have arrived home
from Burma, after a total absence abroad
of eighteen years.

The death is announced from England
of Mr R. H. Boyce who was for many years
in charge of H.B.M. Office of Works in
Shanghai, until succeeded by Mr Marshall.
Deceased, who was 75 years of age, died
from the effects of an operation.

The Home papers arriving by this
mail are full of references to "The Eng-
lishman's Home," the invasion play which
has been creating such a sensation in Lon-
don. "Nation Roused to Self-Defence"
is one of the characteristic head-lines on
the subject.

The s.s. Macedonia, a ship of some
10,000 tons, and one of the largest owned
by the P. and O. Co., arrived to-day with
the English Mail. This is her first visit to
the Far East for two years, she having pre-
viously been on the London to Australia
route, and she returns direct to England
from Shanghai. We understand that all her
accommodation for the homeward voyage
is engaged.

It is hoped that the conversion of the
firm of Holliday, Wise and Company into a
limited liability concern will effect a
restoration of the firm's fortunes and place
it on its feet again. This old firm has been
connected with China for over ninety years
and its friends are to be found in every
treaty port, and no one would like to see
it disappear.

Professor Domenico Gnoli, of the
National Library at Rome, draws attention
to the fact that Pope Pius X. has a legal
claim to the throne of Bosnia. On Oct. 20,
1478, Catherine, the last Queen of Bosnia,
who is buried in the church of San Coll,
made a will in favour of Pope Sixtus IV.
and his lawful successors. Queen Catherine,
who, after the conquest of Bosnia by the
Turks, was received by Pope Paul II. in the
Palazzo Venezia, and for twelve years
enjoyed an annual pension of 100 scudi,
showed her gratitude by making the will
referred to. In it she appointed the Pope
and his successors heirs to her throne in
case her son should not revert from
Mohammedanism to Christianity. He re-
mained a Moslem, so that, as Professor
Gnoli maintains, Pius X. is the lawful
King of Bosnia. Of course, there is no
chance of the Pope trying to make good his
claim.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Sir Lawrence Jenkins has been appointed
Chief Justice of Bengal.

Inspector and Mrs Gourlay are due to
arrive by the a.s. Delhi in a fortnight.

Dr F. W., Mrs and Miss Clark were
passengers by the s.s. Macedonia to-day.

The death is reported from Paris of the
widow of Mr. Ferdinand de Lesseps, the
creator of the Suez Canal.

Mr D. S. Macgregor, Auditor General of
Mauritius, has been appointed Colonial
Auditor of Ceylon, in succession to the
Hon. Mr Bernard Senior, I.S.O.

Sir John Jordan, British Minister, and
Mr W. W. Rockhill, American Minister,
have been appointed special Ambassadors
to represent their respective countries at
the funeral of their late Majesties, the
Emperor and Empress Dowager of China.

Major-General J. G. Dalton, Inspector,
R.G.A., was a passenger by the a.s.
Macedonia to-day. He is inspecting the
Artillery in Far Eastern fortifications, hav-
ing already visited Ceylon and Singapore.
Major-General Dalton is a brother-in-law
of the Hon. Mr F. H. May, C.M.G.,
Colonial Secretary for Hongkong.

Sir C. Clementi Smith, G.C.M.G., Dr
and Mrs Hamilton Wright, Bishop C. H.
Brett, Dr C. D. Tenney, and several
others of the Opium Commission left
Shanghai on Feb. 27, by the C.N. Steamer
Kintling, for Hankow en route to Peking.
The party intended, if possible, to make a
brief stop at Nanking to visit the Viceroy.

IRELAND'S POVERTY.

"DISGRACE TO A CIVILISED
COUNTRY."

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters,
via Bombay.)

London, March 6.

In the House of Commons, Mr Lloyd
George, Chancellor of the Exchequer,
said the greatness of the cost of the Old
Age Pensions act showed the depth of the
need. The amount of poverty revealed,
especially in Ireland, was appalling,
and was a disgrace to a civilised country.
If critics of the scheme waited for his
Budget, he would show how it was
possible to get money from the well-to-
do.

GLASGOW BYE-ELECTION.

A UNIONIST GAIN.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail: Copyright protected under Ordinance 3 of 1894.)

LONDON, March 3.

The polling at the bye-election in Central Glasgow, caused by the death of the sitting member, Sir Andrew M. Torrance (Liberal), resulted as follows:—

Scott Dickson (U.) ... 7,208

Gibson Bowles (L.) ... 5,185

Unionist Majority ... 2,113

[Note.—At the General Election the Liberal majority was 431, the figures being—Sir A. Torrance (L.) 6,720; Mr. S. G. A. Baird (C.) 6,280. The present bye-election, therefore, means a seat gained by the Unionists. The new member, the Right Hon. Charles Scott Dickson, P.O., K.C., J.F., is a native of Glasgow. He was Solicitor General from 1896 to 1903, and Lord Advocate from 1903 to 1906. For six years he represented the Bridgeton Division of Glasgow in Parliament, but was defeated at the last General Election by Mr. J. W. O'Hara (L.). Mr. Gibson Bowles will be remembered as having formerly sat in the Conservative interests for the King's Lynn division, and as having unsuccessfully opposed Mr. A. J. Balfour, the ex-Prime Minister, at the City of London bye-election in February, 1906.—Ed., C.M.]

POSSIBLE WAR IN THE AIR.

HOME GOVERNMENT VIGILANT.

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LONDON, March 3.

Mr. Asquith, in the House of Commons, said the question of aerial navigation had occupied the attention of the Government, and provision had been made in the Navy and Army Estimates to ensure the problem of the use of airships in warfare being fully investigated by both Departments.

GERMAN DEATH DUTIES.

A REJECTED SCHEME.

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LONDON, March 3.

Prince von Bülow is encountering rigorous opposition on the part of his supporters, particularly the agrarians, to the scheme for death duties, which the Finance Committee of the Reichstag rejected yesterday. Efforts are being made to find a substitute to meet the increased expenditure.

MR. TAFT'S INAUGURAL ADDRESS.

STRONG ARMY AND NAVY ADVOCATED.

Likely Controversies in the Orient.

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LONDON, March 4.

The first session of Mr. Taft's inaugural address endorses generally President Roosevelt's policies regarding Trusts, interstate Commerce, and the Federal supervision of railways, and then goes on to state that he will convene a special session of Congress on March 18th to consider a Bill revising the Dingley tariff. This, should, he says, secure an adequate revenue, and also protect home industries by imposing a tariff equal to the difference between the cost of production at home and abroad. It is thought that present conditions will permit of a reduction of certain schedules, while those that require advancement will be few, if any. The expenditure for the current year will exceed the receipts by a hundred million dollars, and the framers of the tariff must endeavour to secure an adequate income.

Mr. Taft urges that the maintenance of a highly efficient Army and a strong Navy will be the best defence of their interests. "Our policy," said the new President, "is always to promote peace, and to favour every instrumentality like the Hague Tribunal and arbitration treaties, but with all nations armed for war we must be so ourselves to prevent others taking advantage of us."

Proceeding, Mr. Taft said, "In international controversies which are likely to arise in the Orient in connection with the open door and other issues, the United States can maintain her interests intact and secure respect for her just demands, but not if she is prepared to back up her interests and rights by diplomacy only. Therefore the expenses on the Army and Navy should not be curtailed for the sake of mere economy."

ATTEMPTED THEFT OF A GOLD CHAIN.

Before Mr. J. H. Kemp, at the Magistrate's Court, this morning, a native was charged with attempting to steal a gold chain valued at \$100, from Messrs G. Falconer and Co.

Mr. J. Meek, the manager, stated that at 3 o'clock on Saturday defendant and another native asked to see some gold chains. Witness showed defendant three and he then reached over and picked up a much heavier chain—the one which had been stolen. Afterwards he picked up another chain and subsequently dropped it on top of the previous one. A third chain was also picked up by defendant who asked the price but while witness was looking at the ticket defendant picked up the two previous chains and pulled out one from his hand and asked the price of that, the other chain by that time being noticed what had been done and came up to defendant, who shook the chain down his sleeve again. When witness came from the other side of the counter defendant made an endeavour to get away but witness caught hold of him. The other man ran away.

Mr. Otto Kong Sing who appeared for defendant asked witness if he was suspicious of defendant when he came into the shop. Witness admitted that he was.

You were watching him very closely? Yes, and he was watching me.

Why did you consent to serve him? Because we have to serve people.

Sergeant Gerrard stated that when searched defendant had \$3.31 in his possession.

Mr. Otto Kong Sing submitted that the evidence did not disclose any offence and that complainant had been unduly suspicious of defendant. It was no offence going into a shop to ask the price of goods although the person inquiring might not have any money in his pocket. The actions of defendant did not warrant any suspicion.

His Worship regretted that complainant had not called further evidence, still he thought a prima facie case had been made out.

Defendant in giving evidence stated he went to purchase a chain and did not go to steal.

Defendant was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

THE HONGKONG AND HOW-LOON WHARF AND GODOWN CO., LTD.

The following report will be presented to shareholders at the twenty-second ordinary annual meeting to be held at the office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., on Wednesday, the 10th March, 1909, at 12.30 p.m.

The Directors beg to submit to shareholders their report with a statement of accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1908.

The profit on working was \$243,715.58, as compared with \$352,390.37 in 1907.

The balance at credit of Profit and Loss account, including \$3,556.81 brought forward from last year, and after deducting Directors' and Auditors' fees and allowing for amounts expended in repairs, dredging and upkeep of property during the year, amounts to \$81,055.87, which it is proposed to appropriate as follows:—To write off Lighters 50,000.00; to write off Stores 963.11; to carry forward to new account 30,102.66; total \$81,055.87.

Business during the year showed a continual falling off, especially in the storage of Yarn and Piece goods.

A contract has been made with the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., for the rebuilding of "No. 1 Wharf," which was destroyed in the 1906 typhoon.

A new heavy-weight steam crane was purchased in England, and a second-hand one acquired locally; no additions were made to Launches and Lighters.

Repairs to the extent of \$26,181.86 were necessitated by the severe typhoon which visited the Colony on the night of July 29th. The repairs caused by the 1906 typhoon were completed during the year.

To meet the requirements of the deep draught steamers now visiting the port, it was found necessary to dredge round the Wharves. The Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.'s dredger Canton River was employed for the purpose.

Deaths:—Mr. G. H. Medhurst, Mr. A. Fuchs, Mr. A. J. Raymond and Mr. A. G. Wood, resigned on leaving the Colony, while Mr. C. Broderick was removed by death. Mr. E. A. Hewitt also resigned on leaving the Colony, but rejoined the Board on his return. Mr. F. G. Abbott, arriving during his absence. Mr. E. G. Barrett, Mr. C. S. Gubbay, Mr. J. W. O. Bonner, Mr. C. Broderick and Mr. W. Holmes joined the Board. These appointments require confirmation.

Mr. E. Shellim and Mr. A. S. D. Causland retired in rotation, according to the Articles of Association, but being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors:—Messrs W. H. Potts and A. O'D. Gordon have audited the accounts now presented and offer themselves for re-election.

News of a race riot, which broke out at South Omaha on February 19th, is printed in Japanese Papers. It appears that some Greeks employed in a factory killed a policeman. The incident aroused great indignation, and about 5,000 Americans immediately attacked the Greeks, a number of men being killed or wounded on each side. At the same time, the Americans at Indian Hill circulated a manifesto instigating an attack upon the Greeks there, with the result that about 10,000 people assembled and, after listening to inflammatory speeches, five hundred of them attacked two hundred Greeks, all the shops and residences of the latter being destroyed. The total population of the Greek quarter is from 600 to 700, and all day the station was full of Greeks escaping from the place. It was feared that the people might take advantage of the occasion to attack the Japanese, who number some hundreds and after consulting with the Commander of the State Militia, the Governor made preparations to meet an emergency.

DANGERS OF INFLUENZA.

THE great danger of influenza is of its resulting in pneumonia. This can be avoided by using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It not only cures influenza but prevents any kind of pneumonia, the disease towards pneumonia. For sale by all Chemists and druggists.

UNION CHURCH LITERARY CLUB.

This (Thursday) evening Mr. A. C. Franklin, F.I.C., will lecture before the Union Church Literary Club on the "Origin of Rocks, with local examples."

The chair will be taken at 9 p.m. and the public are cordially invited.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

The following have been invited to dine at Government House on Friday evening, Major-General Dalson, Mr. and Mrs. May, Mr. and Mrs. Shide, Sir Henry Berkeley, K.C., Captain Clinton Baker, R.N., Captain and Mrs. Wait, Major-General Broadwood, Captain Heathcote, Mrs. Adair, Miss Post, Mr. Walsh, Mr. S. B. C. Rose, Captain Vandellour, Vice-Admiral Sir Horatio Lambton, Lord Frederick Hamilton, Mrs. McAllister.

COMPANY MEETING.

The China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

The forthright meeting of shareholders of the China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., was held at the Company's Offices, No. 3, Queen's Road Central, at noon, to-day.

Mr. E. Shellim presided and there were present Mr. R. Shewan, J. W. O. Bonner, H. A. Siebs, G. Friedland, directors; Messrs A. H. M. da Silva, A. Forbes, A. Turner, J. M. C. E. Machado, P. M. Hodgson, S. C. Newall, H. F. Hickman, Chan Fat, Gazdar, and the secretary, Mr. C. Pemberton.

The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, The directors report and statement of the company's accounts for the past year having been in your hands for some time, I will now, subject to your approval, adopt the usual course, and take them as read. Before proceeding with the business of the meeting I have to refer with deep regret to the great loss we sustained in the untimely death of our late Secretary, Mr. G. L. Tomlin.

He had been the services of the company for just on 25 years, and we are indebted to him for valuable services in the past. I have also to express on behalf of myself and the board our sorrow at the death of Mr. C. Broderick, who had only recently joined the directors.

Turning now to the accounts, it is pleasant to be able to report that the year 1907, in spite of unusually heavy losses, turned out favourably, leaving us with a balance of \$258,725.58. This enables us to recommend to you a dividend of 8% and a bonus of \$2 per share amounting to \$100,000, an addition to extra reserve fund of \$92,670.35, bringing this fund up to \$438,663.10, and a bonus to the staff of \$6,155.33, which I trust will meet with your approval. Our investments in the year were very numerous during the year, more especially in Shanghai where the number in European godowns and buildings was particularly noticeable and three large European manufacturing risks were destroyed. While the losses were not small, we were not, I am glad to say, heavily involved in any one. The company's survivors have reported on our advances under mortgage loans, and I am happy to inform you that, except in one or two cases which are now being dealt with, the same are satisfactory. During the year we extended the field of our operations to New Zealand, where, working on conservative lines, we hope to do well.

Before closing I would like to mention that we as a local company look for local support and I would especially ask shareholders to bear in mind when they have insurances to effect. I will now move that the directors' report and statement of accounts for the year 1908 be presented to be adopted. After this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer any questions that may be put relating to the business before the meeting.

Mr. Turner in seconding said:—Gentlemen, Before reading the report I should like to endorse the remarks with regard to our late Secretary. I have known him personally for over twenty-five years and I think all connected with the company will deeply regret his loss. As far as the report is concerned, I have no objection to its adoption. After this is a specimen of what we can do in bad times, I think the shareholders have every reason to congratulate themselves. I beg to second the adoption of the report and statement of accounts.

On the motion of Mr. A. Forbes, seconded by Mr. P. M. Hodgson, the appointments of Mr. J. W. O. Bonner and Mr. H. A. Siebs as directors were confirmed.

Mr. da Silva proposed and Mr. Machado seconded, and it was agreed that Messrs Shellim and Friedland be re-elected directors.

Messrs W. Hutton Potts and A. R. Lower were re-elected auditors on the motion of Mr. Newall seconded by Mr. Turner.

The Chairman:—That is all the business, gentlemen. Dividend warrants will be posted this afternoon. Thank you for your attendance.

BEWARE OF FREQUENT COLD.

A succession of colds or a protracted one is almost certain to end in chronic catarrh, from which few persons ever wholly recover. Give every cold the attention it deserves and you may avoid this agreeable disease. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is famous for its cures of cold. For sale by all chemists and druggists.

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PROCESSION OF THE CROSS.

The annual procession of the Cross takes place in Hongkong on Sunday at the Roman Catholic Cathedral. A solemn High Mass will be held at 8 a.m., when the Rev. Father Gabriel will officiate assisted by a deacon and subdeacon as well as other clergy. A general communion will be administered during the service.

At the evening service at 5 p.m., there will be a procession accompanied by the various congregations and confraternities with the band of the Sociedade Philharmonica, concluding with a special sermon by the Rev. Father A. M. M. Sarmiento, the secretary of the Bishop of Macao, following with the Benediction of the Holy Sacrament.

THE SANITARY BOARD.

The principal topic of discussion in local Chinese circles at the present moment is who shall succeed Messrs Lau Pak and Fung Wai-shun on the Sanitary Board. Both gentlemen, despite the pressure brought to bear upon them, have definitely decided not to serve again, and much as this decision is to be regretted, the public must bow to their wishes. Several names have been mentioned as likely successors, but public opinion seems to be centring on Mr. Lau Yau-pan, manager of the Aberdeen Paper Mills, and Mr. C. H. Lee, secretary of W. S. Bailey and Co. Both gentlemen are exceedingly well qualified for public office, possessing as they do excellent wider policies in the Colony at large. Hongkong is fortunate in having such men available and we hope that the Colony will be able to secure their services.

SMALL ADDITION TO PURCHASE.

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LOST.

ITEMS FROM THE COURTS.

For not having renewed his gun license, a native was fined \$2, at the Magistrate's Court, to-day.

A charge of stealing a gold ring, value \$10, belonging to a jeweller in Queen's Road Central, was preferred against a Japanese female, at the Magistrate's Court, to-day, and the case was dismissed.

A fine of \$15 was imposed by Mr. J. H. Kemp, at the Magistrate's Court, on a woman for making fast to the Lum On; carrying passengers in excess of the number allowed and refusing to stop when requested to do so by the police.

A fine of \$5 each was imposed upon two masters of steam launches at the Marine Court, to-day for unlawfully lying alongside the Douglas Wharf without permission, and in such a manner as to cause an obstruction.

The boatman of a licensed trading junk had to pay a fine of \$10, at the Marine Court, this morning, for failing to exhibit the regulation light.

For failing to observe the rules of road the master of the licensed steam launch Tai Ching was charged before Commissioner Basil Taylor, R.N., at the Marine Court, to-day. The case was dismissed, the Magistrate finding that the Tai Ching, being the overtaking ship, and having the other on her starboard, should have kept out of the way, and in doing so should not have passed ahead of the Tai Ching.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Hongkong Observatory:—

On the 4th at 11.55 a.m.—The depression lying over Hokkaido yesterday has moved into the Pacific.

The barometer has risen in E. Japan and fallen very decidedly over N. China and the Loochoos.

A depression, which will probably move towards N.E. of the Philippines, has developed into a low pressure area, and a second area of low pressure appears to be progressing Eastwards over Manchuria.

Moderate monsoon may be expected in the Formosa Channel and along the northern shores of the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.11 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow.

1.—Hongkong and Neighbourhood: N.E. winds, moderate; fair.

2.—Formosa Channel: Same as No. 1.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Loochoos: Same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: Same as No. 1.

HOW DIPHTHERIA IS CONTRACTED.

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UNION CHURCH.

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I am directed by the Committee of Management to ask the Seatholders to furnish, by special contributions, the necessary funds for a much-needed extension of the Church buildings.

The Church coolies have hitherto been housed in the tower and on the verandah of the Church.

As a result of this, the verandahs, in spite of all efforts to the contrary, present an unsightly appearance, as seen from both sides of the Church; there are risks of fire; some of the upper windows of the Church are necessarily permanently closed, even in the hottest weather; and there are other objections, that will be apparent to most, to having Chinese coolies resident in the Church building.

For many years this matter has been from time to time before the Committee; but other demands have been more pressing, and the question has had to stand over. It has come up again in connection with the recent renovation of the Church buildings, and the Committee has now decided to erect special cooling quarters behind the Church Hall.

The Government has consented to the necessary small extension of the Church property at a moderate rate; and it is estimated that a sum of \$1,900 will meet the cost of the new building.

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A FINE OF \$15 WAS IMPOSED BY MR. J. H. KEMP, AT THE MAGISTRATE'S COURT, ON A WOMAN FOR MAKING FAST TO THE LUM ON; CARRYING PASSENGERS IN EXCESS OF THE NUMBER ALLOWED AND REFUSING TO STOP WHEN REQUESTED TO DO SO BY THE POLICE.

A FINE OF \$5 EACH WAS IMPOSED UPON TWO MASTERS OF STEAM LAUNCHES AT THE MARINE COURT, TO-DAY FOR UNLAWFULLY LYING ALONGSIDE THE DOUGLAS WHARF WITHOUT PERMISSION, AND IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO CAUSE AN OBSTRUCTION.

THE BOATMAN OF A LICENSED TRADING JUNK HAD TO PAY A FINE OF \$10, AT THE MARINE COURT, THIS MORNING, FOR FAILING TO EXHIBIT THE REGULATION LIGHT.

FOR FAILING TO OBSERVE THE RULES OF ROAD THE MASTER OF THE LICENSED STEAM LAUNCH TAI CHING WAS CHARGED BEFORE COMMISSIONER BASIL TAYLOR, R.N., AT THE MARINE COURT, TO-DAY. THE CASE WAS DISMISSED, THE MAGISTRATE FINDING THAT THE TAI CHING, BEING THE OVERTAKING SHIP, AND HAVING THE OTHER ON HER STARBOARD, SHOULD HAVE KEPT OUT OF THE WAY, AND IN DOING SO SHOULD NOT HAVE PASSED AHEAD OF THE TAI CHING.

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MODERATE MONSOON MAY BE EXPECTED IN THE FORMOSA CHANNEL AND ALONG THE NORTHERN SHORES OF THE CHINA SEA.

HONGKONG RAINFALL FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT 10 A.M. TO-DAY, 0.11 INCHES.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

1.—HONGKONG AND NEIGHBOURHOOD: N.E. WINDS, MODERATE; FAIR.

2.—FORMOSA CHANNEL: SAME AS NO. 1.

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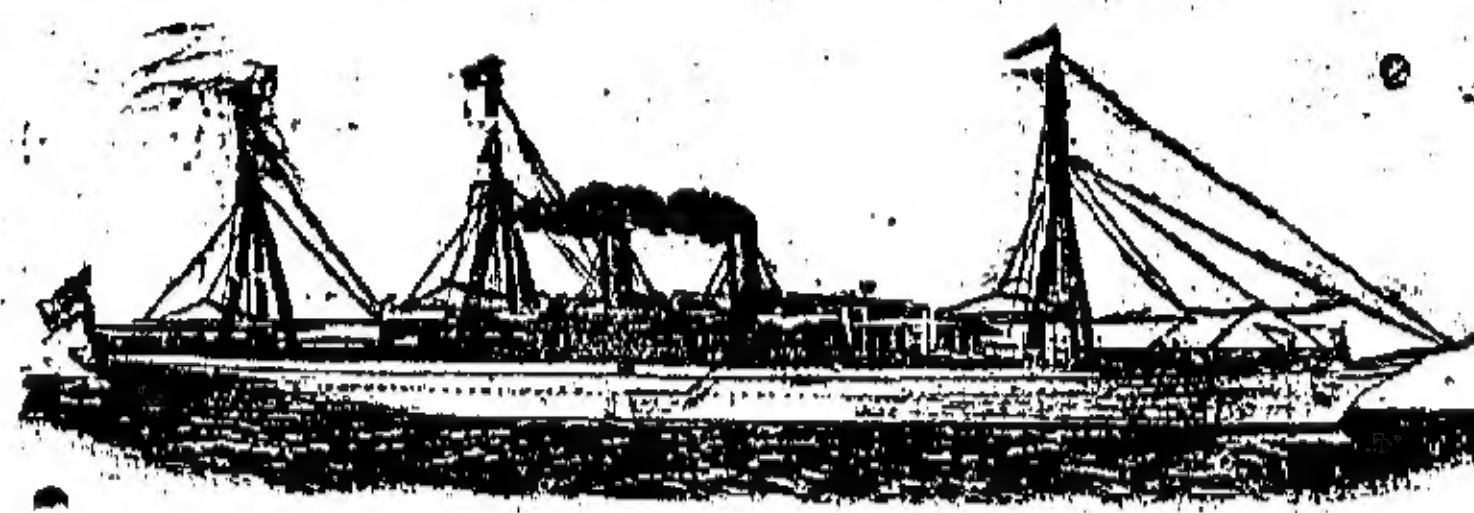
WILL despatch VESSELS to the Undermentioned PORTS on or about the DATES named:-

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL ON	REMARKS
SHANGHAI	MACEDONIA	10 a.m. 5th	Freight and Passengers
LONDON, via Suez	DELTA	Noon, 6th	See Special
LONDON & ANTWERP, via Suez	DELTA	Noon, 6th	See Special
SHANGHAI, MOI, KOBE, NAGASAKI and YOKO.	SUMATRA	About 12th	Freight and Passengers

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EMPERESS OF INDIA .. 6000 Tons	SATURDAY, Mar. 13	April 2
EMPERESS OF JAPAN .. 6000 Tons	SATURDAY, April 10	April 20
EMPERESS OF CHINA .. 6000 Tons	SATURDAY, May 1	May 22
EMPERESS OF AUSTRALIA .. 6163 Tons	TUESDAY, May 11	June 4
EMPERESS OF INDIA .. 6000 Tons	SATURDAY, May 22	June 12
EMPERESS OF JAPAN .. 6000 Tons	SATURDAY, June 19	July 3

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ALBERTA .. 6167 JOHN ERNST .. About March 10th.

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FOR	STEAMERS	CAPTAIN	TO SAIL ON 1909
SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA	CALEDONIAN	X.	March 16, p.m.
MANSEILLES, via Ports...	TOURANE	LANCZIN	March 16, at 1 p.m.
SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA	ERNEST SIMONS	GIRARD	March 20, p.m.
MANSEILLES, via Ports...	NERA	MARTIN	March 30, at 1 p.m.

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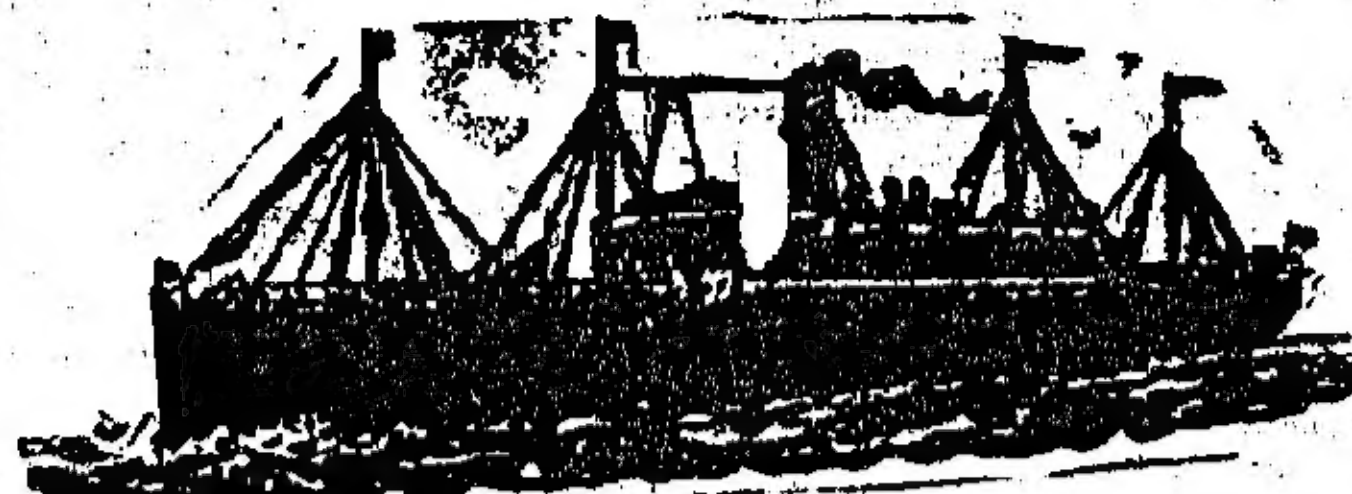
Outward.	For Rotterdam & Hamburg
For Shanghai, Yokohama & Kobe	S.S. WESTPHALIA .. 8th Mar.
S.S. AMERICA .. 10th Mar.	For Havre & Hamburg
S.S. BRISGAVIA .. 20th Mar.	S.S. SAXONIA .. 15th Mar.
S.S. BELGAVIA .. 31st Mar.	For Rotterdam & Hamburg
S.S. SILESIA .. 12th April	S.S. DORTMUND .. 22nd Mar.
S.S. SURVIA .. 18th April	For Havre & Hamburg
S.S. SCANDIA .. 27th April	S.S. JILLYA .. 5th April
S.S. HESPERIA .. 4th May	

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STEAMERS	SAILING DATES
CHITO MARU .. 21,000 Tons	TUESDAY, 9th Mar., at Noon.
ABIA .. 9,500 "	TUESDAY, 16th Mar., at Noon.
MONGOLIA .. 9,500 "	SATURDAY, 27th Mar., at Noon.
TENYO MARU .. 21,000 "	TUESDAY, 6th April, at Noon.
KOREA .. 18,000 "	TUESDAY, 13th April, at Noon.
NIPPON MARU .. 11,000 "	SATURDAY, 24th April, at Noon.
SIBERIA .. 18,000 "	TUESDAY, 4th May, at Noon.
CELYA .. 18,000 "	TUESDAY, 11th May, at Noon.
MANCHURIA .. 27,000 "	TUESDAY, 18th May, at Noon.

Fares: Hongkong to London £71. 10. 0. including Berth and Meals across America.

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The fine Mail Steamers ASIA and CHINA carry intermediate passengers only, affording superior accommodation for that class.

Asia .. 9,500 Tons	TUESDAY, 16th March, at Noon.
China .. 10,200 "	11th May, at Noon.
Asia .. 9,500 "	FRIDAY, 4th June, at Noon.
China .. 10,200 "	TUESDAY, 27th July, at Noon.

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SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
NINGPO & SHANGHAI	POOCHOW	March 5, at 4 p.m.
HAIPHONG	CHIKI	March 5, at 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI, COCKTOWN, AMOY, MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	SUGUISAKI	March 5, at 4 p.m.
MANILA	TAN	March 5, at 3 p.m.
MANILA, ZAMBOANGA, PT. DARWIN	TAMRO	March 16, at 3 p.m.
TEUREDAY ISLAND, COCKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, with transshipment for TASMANIA, NEW ZEALAND, ADELAIDE, FREMANTLE & PERTH	CHANGSHA	April 5, at 4 p.m.

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THE CO.'S S.S.	FOR	LEAVING
DANIN MARU, Capt. Y. KASURAKI	TAMSUI, via SWATOW AND AMOY	SUNDAY, 7th Mar., at 10 a.m.
BUJUN MARU, Capt. Y. KASURAKI	SHANGHAI, via SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW	TUESDAY, 9th Mar., at 8 a.m.
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Very remarkable cases of healing by radium were described by Sir Frederick Treves while speaking on January 26th on "Radium in the Surgery" at the London Hospital. He stated that if they could have radium enough they could carry out practically any wish of the surgical mind as far as growths of a certain kind were concerned. Radium would cure rodent ulcers which had existed for many years in which the tissues had become adherent to the bone and on which the Finson light and other remedies had failed. It has proved efficacious in disposing of moles, eczema, itching, glands in the neck, and it seems to be not without control upon certain species of cancer itself.

It is announced that the King will shortly grant a Royal Charter establishing a Royal British Radium Institute, whose work will lie in the double direction of research and the treatment of cases, and will be carried on probably with the aid of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund. The foundation of the new institute is made possible by a generous donation from Sir Ernest Cassel. It is interesting to note in this connection that a company has just been formed to produce radium from Cornish mines.

AN EXCITING PERFORMANCE.

The following clipping from the Buenos Aires Standard shows how strenuous an affair is theatre-going in Argentina:—

When part of the audience takes to firing at the actors on the stage, and the actors return the compliment, things may be said to be getting lively. This, however, is what happened at Tanfil. The police taking umbrage at something said during a dramatic performance, pulled out their revolvers and fired at the actors. Had it been anything else than bullets the performers might have had much cause of complaint but these were too striking a form of criticism to pass unheeded, and it is therefore not surprising that the actors in turn drew their guns and returned the fire of their too excitable critics. What the rest of the audience did is not recorded, though we shrewdly suspect not a few found their way under the seats. But when it comes to the so-called guardians of law and order committing such a serious breach of the peace as this, the time has surely arrived for some searching inquiry to be made into the whole of the police administration of the Province of Buenos Aires.—The Straits Echo.

THE "SALOON SMASHER" IN LONDON.

Mrs. Carrie Nation, the temperance "Lady of the Hatchet," on January 25 was at the Canterbury Music Hall, London, where she was "titled" to appear last on the programme. The house was packed in every part, and some members of the audience had come fully prepared to be disagreeable. The result was that when Mrs. Nation came on the stage grasping a large Bible in both hands she met with a hostile reception. Her first sentence, and her first alone, was audible, however. She said:—"You have heard of the lawless Carrie Nation, you have heard of the crazy Carrie Nation, but I am glad to introduce to you the lover of the home Carrie Nation." Then began a scene of wild commotion. Upstart arose in all parts of the house, and the throwing of rotten eggs was started. One of the egg-throwers sitting near the front of the stalls was promptly turned out by the attendants and the police. One egg hit Mrs. Nation on the forehead, but she calmly wiped it away, and merely remarked that they were a set of miserable cowards. Mr. Adams, the lessee of the hall, went on the stage and appealed to the excited people in front of him to act as Englishmen and sportsmen, and to give Mrs. Nation a hearing, but it was of no avail. Finally, after Mrs. Nation had stood trying to get a hearing in vain, she was induced to go off the stage, which she did, crying out loudly, "Drunkards!"

Much interest has been excited in Ulster by a speech delivered at the Ulster Unionist Conference by Major Madden, one of the best-known and most highly-esteemed magistrates in co. Fermanagh. Major Madden, referring to the prevalence of crime in the South and West of Ireland, said:—"With every sense of responsibility I say that if the Government will not protect us, if Ireland in the west is to become a wild, lawless country unfit for peaceful people to live in, the men who have to go about in those regions should be fully armed and prepared to deal blow for blow and shot for shot. I might be told that is no language for a magistrate to use, but it is no use whining to England and her incompetent Ministers for protection."

The growth of Clericalism has for a long time been one of the salient features in the social development of Belgium. In 1900 the number of monastic institutions amounted to 2,266, with 40,834 inmates, as against 776 establishments, with 11,988 inmates less than half a century ago. The separation of the State and Church of France, however, has caused a new influx of the monastic element into Belgium, so that in 1906 the monastic establishments numbered 2,784, and the number of monks and nuns was 45,794. The value of monastic lands is even now estimated at about £25,000,000, and the movable contents of establishments, the furniture, the works of art, etc., at over £12,000,000, to which must be added other valuable possessions, such as pictures, tapestries, and so forth, amounting to the lowest estimate to £40,000,000.

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FOR	STEAMERS	SAILING DATES	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI, via SWATOW, TIENTSIN	FRIDAY	March 5, at Noon.	
FOOCHOW	SATURDAY	March 6, at Noon.	
SINGAPORE, PENANG	NAMSANG	SATURDAY, March 6, at Noon.	
AND CALCUTTA	WINOSANG	SATURDAY, March 6, at 4 p.m.	
SHANGHAI	ESANG	MONDAY, March 8, at Noon.	
SINGAPORE, PENANG	KUMSANG	WEDNESDAY, March 10, at 4 p.m.	
AND CALCUTTA	YUNBSANG	FRIDAY, March 12, at 4 p.m.	
MANILA	FOOKSANG	TUESDAY, March 23, at Noon.	

RETURN TOURS TO JAPAN, Occupying 24 days.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS OF MAIL STEAMERS

MARSEILLES & LONDON,

STEAMERS	Leave	Connecting Steamers	Due at	Leave	Due at
to	HONGKONG	from COLOMBO to	MARSEILLES & LONDON	from COLOMBO to	MARSEILLES & LONDON
DELTA	Mar. 6	CHINA	Mar. 10	DELTA	Mar. 10
MAEDONIA	Mar. 20	MAEDONIA	Mar. 24	MAEDONIA	Mar. 24
DELHI	Apr. 3	DELHI	Apr. 7	DELHI	Apr. 7
DEVANHA	Apr. 17	DEVANHA	Apr. 21	DEVANHA	Apr. 21
ASSATE	May 1	ASSATE	May 5	ASSATE	May 5
DELTA	May 15	DELTA	May 19	DELTA	May 19
GOHANA	May 29	GOHANA	May 31	GOHANA	May 31
DELHI	June 12	DELHI	June 16	DELHI	June 16

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HONGKONG	LONDON	LONDON
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* PALAWAN	Mar. 24	May 8
* SUMATRA	Apr. 7	May 21
* PALMA	Apr. 21	May 25
* NUBIA	May 5	May 29
* PERA	May 19	June 2
* SOMALI	June 2	June 26

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MAIL SCHEDULE.

STEAMERS	ARRIVE HONGKONG FROM AUSTRALIA	LEAVE HONGKONG FOR AUSTRALIA
ALDENHAM	THURSDAY, 4th March, at 5 p.m.	

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ZAFIRO	2540	R. Rodger	Manila	SATURDAY, Mar. 13, at Noon.

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TJILIWONG	JAVA	First half of March	JAPAN	First half of March
TJIBODAS	JAPAN	Do.	JAPAN	Do.
TJIMAH	JAVA	Do.	AMOI	Do.
TJITJAP	JAVA	Second half of March	SHANGHAI	Second half of March
TJIKINI	JAVA	Do.	JAPAN	Do.
TJIPANAS	JAVA	First half of April	SHANGHAI	First half of April

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Hongkong, November 25, 1908.

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Hongkong, February 20, 1909.

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Hongkong, March 1, 1909.

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NOTICE.

FOR KUDAT & SANDAKAN, Taking Cargo at Through Rates to TAWAU, LAHAD DATU, LABUAN, JOLO & MENADO.

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Hongkong, March 2, 1909.

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Hongkong, February 23, 1909.

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Notice to Consignees

PORTLAND & ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per Steamship ALEZIA.

The above-named steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of Cargo from alongside.

Cargo impeding discharge of the vessel will be discharged at once, at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. All cargo undelivered, TUESDAY, 9th March, 1909, at 12 Noon, will be subject to rent.

All chafed and otherwise damaged cargo will be examined at the above Company's Godowns on MONDAY, March 8th, 1909, at 10 A.M.

S. SILVERSTONE, Agent.

Hongkong, March 2, 1909.

'SHIRE' LINE OF STEAMERS, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM HAMBURG, MIDDLESBORO AND LONDON.

THE Company's Steamship Glenorchy, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery from alongside.

Cargo impeding discharge of the vessel will be landed at once at Consignees' risk and expense.

Cargo remaining on board after Noon, on WEDNESDAY, March 3rd, 1909, will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. All Cargo undelivered on MONDAY, March 8th, 1909, at Noon, will be subject to rent.

All chafed and otherwise damaged cargo will be examined at the above Company's Godowns on SATURDAY, March 6th, 1909, at 10 A.M.

S. SILVERSTONE, Agent.

Hongkong, February 27, 1909.

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship Silesia, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that Goods will be landed in the Godowns and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves and Godown Co., Ltd., whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 4th of March, 1909, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SANDER, WIELER & Co., Agents, Prince's Buildings.

Hongkong, February 26, 1909.

FROM EUROPE.

THE H.A.L. Steamship SPERIA, Captain GIBBERD, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before TO DAY.

Any Cargo impeding discharge will be landed in the Godowns and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves and Godown Co., Ltd., and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

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Hongkong, January 1, 1909.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per Steamship CHIO MARU.

The above-named steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery from alongside.

Cargo impeding discharge of the vessel will be landed at once at Consignees' risk and expense.

Cargo remaining on board after Noon, on WEDNESDAY, March 3rd, 1909, will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

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Hongkong, February 27, 1909.

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MURDERED BY LOLOS.

It would seem from accounts printed in the Shanghai papers that the death of the English traveler J. W. Brooke, who was murdered in January in the Lolo country, was really due to his own fault. Says the N. C. Daily News:—The Lolo is a wild, savage tribe, completely independent of the Chinese Government, and inhabiting the mountainous country of the Tachien-shan between the Yangtze in the south and that river's tributary, the Tachien-shan, in the north-west. The Chinese have no influence on these savages and no soldier or official would dare to enter their territory. Only a few Chinese merchants with passports are permitted for commercial purposes to enter Lolo-land, as the Lolo are dependent on the Chinese for salt and tobacco.

Moreover, for probably a century, a species of guerrilla warfare has been carried on between the Chinese and Lolo, victory inclining now to one side now to another. At the present moment a force, it is alleged of five thousand men, is operating under the orders of the Viceroy, Chao Shih-shan in Lolo territory with the object of raising an exceptionally heavy contribution and consequently feeling runs high in this district. How bitter the feeling is may be judged from the fearful cruelty perpetrated on both sides. Last week time found the Lolo fall upon a neighboring Chinese village and kill the inhabitants, with the exception of the younger and stronger people of both sexes, whom they employ for the most menial purposes, and house them like cattle. On the occasion of the recent capture of a village all the inhabitants were driven with whips over a field of thorns; those who stopped in the middle were killed and only those who reached the other side were spared. It is not possible to time the journey of Mr. Brooke from Ningyuanfu for fourteen days. The country consists of a number of independent districts each under a chief. In order to pass through such a district, the traveler has to carry on negotiations with the chieftain, who on presents and occasionally have hostages. Mr. Brooke received permission to continue his journey and his relations with the savages seem to have been very friendly. The only drawback was that the jealousy of the people caused them to keep a sharp lookout that no other tribe received more presents than they did, with the result that finally, when Brooke had reached the territory of the eighth or ninth chieftain, he found himself at the end of a long journey. This chief was willing to give him a passage through the territory, if he would hand over his rifle; but Brooke refused as he had only his revolver besides. On various pretexts he was detained until the incident arose which led to his death. The chief, who was drunk at the time, entered his tent and seized his rifle and Brooke, unfortunately, struck him. A blow amongst the Lolo is an insult that can only be met with a blood feud and Brooke was only able to defend himself for a short while against the chief's retinue. He tried to make good his escape, but was overtaken and killed and the same fate overtook the whole of his Chinese following.

EXCHANGE

Hongkong, March 4, 1909.

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On Berlin—	
On demand,	176
On New York—	
On demand,	42
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On demand,	74
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